MANAGEMENT UNIT 6J Lands Bordering the Tetlin Reservation

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. This area is currently the subject of a boundary dispute with Tetlin Reservation. State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. Third party interests should be avoided before the litigation is resolved. The management emphasis is on forestry, recreation, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Agriculture. Subunit 6J1 may have agricultural potential. This subunit is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially forestry, habitat, minerals, and recreation, until reevaluated and the plan amended.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 6J2 and 6J3. Subunit 6J1 and the southern portion of 6J2 has prime-rated habitat for black bears, furbearers, and moose. The most productive habitat is the riparian zone associated with the Tok River and the Tanana River. This unit will be managed to maintain human use of wildlife.

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Forestry. Commercial forests are found along the Tok and Tanana rivers. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 6J2. Timber will be managed for commercial and personal use.

Recreation. This unit receives a moderate amount of recreational use. Recreation is designated a secondary use in Subunit 6J2.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management guidelines that apply to all state land are listed in Chapter 2. Some or all of those guidelines may apply to uses in this unit.

Highway Buffers. A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the Alaska Highway should be managed to maintain or enhance scenic views along the highway. Development activities such as timber harvesting and land-use authorizations may be allowed within this buffer if the activity is designed to maintain or enhance the scenic values of the highway corridor, and to provide opportunities for viewing background scenery. This guideline will not preclude highway maintenance and improvement.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY MANAGEMENT UNIT 6]: Lands Bordering Tetlin Reservation Subsurface¹ Subunit Primary Prohibited 2 Secondary Comments Surface Uses Surface Úses Surface Use 6J1 High value Land disposals Open Remote cabins resource mgmt. -agriculture -forestry -minerals -public recreation -settlement -wildlife habitat 612 Forestry Public recreation Open Land disposals Wildlife habitat Remote cabins 613 Wildlife habitat Land disposals Open Remote cabins

¹ Subsurface designations refer to locatable minerals. All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals, except as noted for coal.

² Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management-intent statement, the management guidelines of this unit, and the relevant management guidelines listed in Chapter 2.